process. New high yielding varieties are released every year, and during 1999-2000, nine such varieties were released.

Funds for Agriculture/Horticulture Development

1251. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided amounts to State Governments for the development of their agriculture/horticulture research institutions;

(b) if so, the names of States which have received amounts during the last three years, with year-wise amounts provided to them; and

(c) the achievements of such institutions during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The Department of Agricultural Research and Education does not provide any amount directly to State Governments for the development of their agricultural/horticultural research institutions.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Damage due to Rain and Floods

1252. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of damage sustained by different States due to torrential rain and heavy floods during die current years;

(b) whether me Central assistance have been granted to those States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The State Governments of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala and Punjab have reported damage due to heavy rains/floods in varying degrees.

(b) and (c) As per the interim recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission, instalments of Central share of Calamiuty Relief Fund for the year 2000-01 have already been released by the Ministry of Finance to die States as follow:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.